

STRINGHAM, Jack D. M.D., and
Marion Lois Smith

My parents, Ralph and Vera Stringham, moved to the Park
Utah Mine west of Keetley in 1921. Four children came into their

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family: Ralph Jr., February 22, 1922; Jack D., February 26, 1924; Henry D., September 25, 1925; and Martha Jane, January 17, 1936.

We lived in a small frame home in a row of nine cottages. In my early years, before the depression of the 1930's, the mine was a busy, bustling mining camp with several hundred miners living in bunk houses at the mine.

I remember as a high school student learning we were part of the Heber 2nd Ward. Though there were many good Christian people at the mine, I remember only one active Mormon family, Richard and Merle Glazier with their son, Penrod, and daughter, JoAnn.

Those my age and older attended school in the two room red school house at Keetley (still standing) one mile from the mine. Mrs. Jackson taught the first, second and third and sixth grades in the other room. If the roar of an airplane was heard, school was temporarily dismissed to see it fly by. After my first year of school, 1930-1931, the red school house was closed and we were all bused to the North School in Heber City.

Keetley was good to us while growing from infancy to our late teen years. We had the advantage of the great outdoors, life in the mountains, hills and meadows, as well as the opportunity to work at the mine during the summer months. Before the depression years, there were many humble frame homes in Keetley plus the questionable "Blue Goose", a dance hall. The crowds were mainly the miners and their girl friends. The Blue Goose, as well as many of the small frame homes, were soon empty because of the depression years. However, I remember before leaving home in 1943, Keetley had become a refuge camp for some deported California Japanese. They were industrious and made the fields fertile once again, growing a variety of garden vegetables.

Though we were not active in the Church while living at the mine, we lived the basic principles taught. Later in life, after moving to Salt Lake, my mother and father were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple and served a mission in Maryland. Henry and I were baptized into the Church after high school.

Following World War II, Henry served a mission in Brazil and I continued my medical school training, receiving my M.D. degree in 1948. My older brother, Ralph, has never been active in the Church, but is a great Christian individual. He received his college degree in engineering at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of

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Technology). He then went to work for Douglas Aircraft, later McDonald Douglas, becoming the director of the Department of Flutter and Vibration. He has now retired but remains as a consultant to McDonald Douglas.

Henry was married to Mable Eldredge in the Salt Lake Temple. He has had many church callings including bishop. He is now a temple worker. He is the father of ten children, eight girls and two boys, and president of Stringham Lumber Company which was started in 1946 by our father.

My sister, Martha, was married in the Salt Lake Temple to Carl Wankier. They have four children, all very active in the church. Carl is currently in the bishopric. Martha has held many leadership positions in Primary, Mutual and Relief Society at both Ward and Stake levels.

I have held many church positions in Sunday School, Elders Quorum and Mutual, both Ward and Stake, and Stake High Council. I have also been a guide on Temple Square.

Marian Lois Smith of Ogden and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple May 25, 1949. She is an accomplished violinist, a past member of the Utah Symphony Orchestra. She is also very talented in the field of floral arrangements. She was responsible for the floral decorations at a Church banquet honoring the Queen of Thailand in 1985. We are the proud parents of five children (one died at age 7) and grandparents to twelve wonderful children ages three to thirteen years. My two sons, Henry's two sons, and two sons of Martha's have all served honorable missions. Mark, Martha's sixteen year old son, I am sure will also serve when he reaches missionary age.

My professional career began in 1949, serving in the Navy one year before the Korean War and one year after. Since then, I have been in the specialty of anesthesiology. I practiced at the LDS Hospital for 31 years. During those years I held several positions in organized medicine including president of the LDS Hospital Medical Staff, Utah State Society of Anesthesiologists, Salt Lake County Medical Society, and the Utah State Medical Association as well as President of the University of Utah College of Medicine Alumni. In December 1984, I became the Medical Director of the Intermountain Surgical Center which position I currently hold in addition to my anesthesiology practice.

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My mother, Vera Stringham, now in her 86th year, healthy and busy. She has written her autobiography, has attended classes at Dixie College and is currently compiling a book of poems she has authored over many years. She keeps physically active by swimming, riding her bicycle and golfing. My father died September 10, 1975.



Jack - 1944 - United States Navy